

FOREIGN COUNSELOR DENIES CHARGES THAT NEW CHINESE REPUBLIC IS MILITARISTIC

PEKING, China, Dec. 29.—Charges which have been circulated in some foreign countries that China has become a militaristic nation are denied by Dr. Philip Tsao, counselor of the foreign office.

"What China today is suffering from is not militarism properly so-called but an overgrowth of provincial military organizations in relation to the general administration," said the counselor.

Ratio Less Than Germany's.
"China," according to independent investigation made by several departments during the last few months, has almost precisely the same population as Germany—390,000,000—yet less than seven times the population of Germany. If the field force permitted to Germany by the Versailles treaty are added the men in the navy, police and civic guard, and that total is multiplied by seven, it will be found that the ratio in China is inferior to the ratio in an admittedly militarized Germany. In field troops and provincial police, China has 3,000,000.

"That their present organization and their dependence on military government must be changed is granted. But until a decision can be properly reached regarding the separation of civil and military power, and until the degree of provincial autonomy

compatible with sovereignty of the republic has been settled by parliament and the government, it would be inviting disturbances to attempt change.

Pins Faith to League.
"The greatest enemy today is not militarism or provincial militancy but the low standard of living among the mass of the population and the luxury which modern essentials such as railways and roads represent. Because of their immense first cost in comparative terms. The narrow margin between existence and starvation is so easily wiped out in China's dense population that when this problem is added the problem of taxation the work of the government presents incredible difficulties. In western countries well articulated credit systems serve to disguise post-war problems perhaps greater than China's but in this country they present themselves in all nakedness which renders evasion or postponement impossible.

"China needs foreign help but it must be help channeled by parliament and to a dispassionate non-partisan settlement of her issues abroad. Because too often in the past it has been shown that what is desired of her at home is not negotiation but surrender. International agreement will find a swifter reward here than elsewhere."

COUNTY BUDGET FOR NEW YEAR TO BE \$880,194

The county budget for the new year will be \$880,194. That was the sum submitted at the semi-monthly meeting of the county commissioners, Wednesday afternoon by J. A. Beck.

Of that amount \$463,306 is set aside for road work, while an additional \$188,890 is designated for the road and bridge fund. For the county hospital, \$144,000 is set aside, while \$77,990 is appropriated for jails. The largest single item, \$375,124.44 is for interest and fund on the public debt, and \$248,121 is designated for the general fund.

Other items include: County court and judge, \$230; county clerk, \$600; county tax collector, \$13,500; county auditor, \$170; county assessor, \$10,000; county sheriff, \$28,000; county treasurer, \$200; county auditor, \$1500; district clerk, \$1500; county commissioners, \$5000; district court, \$500; justice of peace, No. 1-A, \$175; justice of peace, No. 2, \$150; justice courts outside, \$40; county physician, \$400; county clinic, \$1000; court house expenses, \$12,000; jail expenses, \$23,000; heating plant, \$15,000; county farm, \$11,000; charities, \$2000; lunatics, \$1200; delinquent, children, \$5750; county schools, \$1200; general expenses, \$17,600.

BUSINESS DECLINE DUE TO READJUSTMENT, SAYS GARY

New York, Dec. 29.—The present economic depression in the United States is the result of the "natural and necessary readjustment" and until these are completed we may not expect all we might hope for, said Robert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation. While there are "many things in the atmosphere which are disquieting," he said, he is "hopeful and confident of the future" as he has been at any time.

TEXAS POSTPONES ACTION TO HAVE LANDS FORFEITED

The money strategy will cause state officials not to take action to forfeit state lands on which interest has not been paid by January 1, according to a letter received by W. D. Hines, county clerk from J. L. Robinson, state land commissioner.

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WORKMEN ON STRIKE IN SOVIET MILL

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 28.—Employees of the Newbern Iron Works and Supply company voted to disregard the profit sharing agreement recently entered into with the company and to go on strike. Pay received by the workers last week, the first under the new plan, which was based on profits of the concern above operating expenses, amounted to a reduction of 10 percent from the amount received the previous week.

The men at first accepted the reduction without comment, but today announced they would not abide by the agreement, said to have been verbal to go on the picket line. A profit sharing basis, instead, they threatened to remain out until promised their former wage scale. Company officials replied that it was impossible to grant the demand and, if necessary, the plant would be closed indefinitely.

The plant is one of the largest of its kind in this section of the state. The men first went on strike a month ago, when a 10 percent wage reduction was announced, but returned to work only one day. Subsequently, however, an additional wage reduction of 10 percent was announced, precipitating a strike which was settled through acceptance by company officials of the profit sharing plan suggested by the men. One of the first developments under the new plan was a reduction of 10 percent in the salaries of the office forces. The first day also showed a 10 percent loss in wages under the profit sharing plan.

Brazil To Own Buildings For Its Embassies Abroad

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Dec. 28.—Buildings for Brazilian embassies and legations abroad will be acquired by purchase under legislative resolution sanctioned by president Pessoa. The government is authorized to open necessary credits to the extent of approximately \$700,000 in each financial period.

Texas Bank Examiners To Meet Next Monday

Austin, Texas, Dec. 28.—State bank examiners from various districts in Texas will gather here Wednesday for the quarterly conference with the Austin, state banking commission. The conference will last three days, after which the examiners will be assigned to their respective districts.

AMERICAN THREAD COMPANY CUTS WAGES 22 1/2 PERCENT

Williamstown, Conn., Dec. 28.—Notice has been posted in the local mills of the American Thread company announcing a reduction in wages of 22 1/2 percent, effective next Monday. The cut will affect 1000 employees in the company's mills at Fall River and Holyoke, Mass., at Andover, N. H., and at Williamstown and Glasgow, Conn.

The company's mills here have been operated but one day a week for the last month.

STRONG FIGHT PLANNED FOR ADMISSION OF FARM LABOR

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 28.—A strong fight to have the immigration bill amended to include provisions for seasonal agricultural labor for Texas will be made by the Texas chamber of commerce at the hearing before senate immigration committee in Washington, January 3, Walter Petest, manager of the agricultural department of the state chamber, is being sent to Washington to present the Texas farmers' side of the case.

1000 GARMENT WORKERS STRIKE IN BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 28.—About 1000 garment workers employed in 25 or 30 of the smaller clothing factories have gone on strike in defiance to orders from the local business agent of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers union, who said the chief point at issue is an effort on the part of the manufacturers to reduce wages to the 12 1/2 to 15 cent average from 25 to 28 percent.

COUNCILMAN WANTS ENGINEER TO MAKE WATER SURVEY

City councilman H. C. Semple has been authorized by the city council to get in touch with an engineer with a patent to make a survey of water needs and sources for El Paso. He is to communicate with certain some of the engineers recommended by the El Paso chapter of the American Engineering association.

200 DELINQUENT TAX SUITS FILED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY

One hundred suits for delinquent taxes were filed by county attorney Will Pelphrey Wednesday to get money due for 1919 taxes. About 200 suits have been filed during the last two months, while 100 more probably will be entered, Mr. Pelphrey said.

CITY COUNCIL WILL ORDER 692 NEW SIGNS AT ONCE

New street signs for Government Hill, Austin, Texas, Altamira, Paris and Kern Place will be ordered at once by the city council. About 692 signs will be required, 382 of which are now without them and 300 to replace damaged signs.

INDIRECT LIGHTING SYSTEM TO BE PUT IN AT CITY HALL

Chandeliers from which lights in the city hall have been suspended are being removed. An indirect system of electric lighting will be installed. The chandeliers originally served for the transmission of gas for lighting.

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Pre-Inventory Sale

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12 1/2c Lux Soap Flakes.....	10c	50c Pebecco Tooth Paste.....	25c
25c Colgate's Talcum.....	25c	50c Rossmore & Glycerine.....	25c
45c boxes Sigmund's Soap, box of 3 cakes.....	25c	50c Hind's Honey & Almond Cream, bottle.....	25c
35c Johnson's Shaving Cream, Extra Special.....	23c	75c Pompeian Night Cream—Extra Special.....	58c
		1 1/2c Djer Kiss Face Powder—Extra Special.....	95c

—Street Floor—

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\$8.98 SILKALINE COMFORTERS—Filled with white cotton, tufted with silk flange—must be seen to be appreciated. Year End Clearance,

\$4.98

\$7.98 WOOLNAP BLANKETS in grey and tan and white—solid color with striped border, crocheted edges. Year End Clearance,

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—Economy Basement—



Between Season Millinery

A small lot of Between Season Millinery should add interest to Pre-Inventory Sales in this department. Hats of satin and of novelty fabrics featured at

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